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### 2009 "MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY" AWARDS CEREMONY

Make a Difference Day is celebrated each year on the fourth Saturday of October and has become the nation's largest day of volunteering. To commemorate the 2009 Make A Difference Day, Assemblymember Mike Eng will honor up to ten individuals who have contributed to the 49<sup>th</sup> Assembly District by enhancing the quality of life or betterment of the communities in which they work, reside or provide service to.

Assemblymember Mike Eng is seeking outstanding community service leaders who have demonstrated a commitment to making a difference in their communities.

#### NOMINATION INFORMATION

Nominee MUST live, work, or provide services in the 49<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, which includes the cities of Alhambra, El Monte, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, and South El Monte. The Nominee must have provided leadership in one or more of the following areas: Art, Culture, Music or Entertainment, Business Entrepreneurship, Community Activism, Education, Non-Profit Service, Youth, Veterans, and/or Senior Citizens Service.

Up to ten individuals will be selected who have distinguished themselves in one or more these areas; however all areas may not be represented. Awardees MUST be present at the award celebration below.

***Event date: Saturday, October 24, 2009 from 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.***

***Location: Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 W. Ramona Blvd, Monterey Park, CA***

Please send candidate nomination form, bio/résumé, and any supporting information for each honoree to Daisy Ma via fax, email, or mail at:

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**\*NOTE:** Nomination forms to be considered must include the following:

- Bio or resume of honoree
- All requested information completed
- Attachment describing honoree's community work

# **NOMINATION FORM**

**\*\*\*NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00pm, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009\*\*\***

Name of the Person You Are

Nominating: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

His/Her

Organization/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Address/City: \_\_\_\_\_

His/Her Home Address/City: \_\_\_\_\_

His/Her Title: \_\_\_\_\_ His/Her Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

His/Her Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ His/Her Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

His/Her Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

His/Her Significant Contributions/Community Work: Please attach separate sheet

His/her Awards/Recognition Received:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Your Organization/Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Address/City \_\_\_\_\_

Your Home Address/City \_\_\_\_\_

Your Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Cell No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please attach additional pages if necessary)**



# **"MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY"**

## **Background**

Created in 1992 by Marcia Bullard, president and CEO of USA WEEKEND Magazine, Make A Difference Day is a national day dedicated to making a difference in the community through volunteering.

Occurring on the fourth Saturday of every October, this national day was established from Bullard's desire to make profitable use of the extra day gained through the leap year in 1992. She suggested to her readers to use that day to do something good and help others.

In that first year, about 70,000 people dedicated their time to help enhance their communities. Since then, the number of volunteers involved in Make A Difference Day has significantly increased, for more than 3 million people participated last year on October 25, 2008.

This year, the 19<sup>th</sup> Make A Difference Day will take place on October 24, 2009. Participants are encouraged to either organize their own volunteer projects or find and join an existing project to work with. Projects range from small and personal activities, such as aiding the elderly or tutoring, to more large scale activities such as beautifying a local park or school. 10 exceptional honorees are honored for their volunteerism toward community service.

## **Significance**

Make A Difference Day provides a great opportunity for people to set aside time from their daily lives and gather together to help their neighbors and communities. This national occasion not only yields great benefits for the community as a whole, but also for the volunteers themselves.

Volunteering has proven to be an excellent way to build character, especially for the youth and future of society. Through volunteering, participants can learn and develop valuable interpersonal, communication, and leadership skills.

Furthermore, by working with people from diverse backgrounds and experiences, volunteers can build relationships with one another, and in turn, strengthen their sense of community, despite their differences. By assisting those in need, people are able to familiarize and understand the needs of their community, allowing them to discover ways for the further betterment of society.

Thus, with such a wide-scale event such as Make A Difference Day, volunteers and participants are able to become socially conscious and responsible members of the community.